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TITLE: FLOOR RACK FOR HOLDING A PAPER TOWEL ROLL AND THE LIKE

AMENDMENT "A"

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 29, 2004, a response being due by February 28, 2005, please consider the following remarks:

<u>REMARKS</u>

Upon entry of the present amendments, previous Claims 1 - 4 have been canceled and new Claims 5 - 8 substituted therefor. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the forgoing amendments and present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present amendments have been entered for the purpose of more clearly distinguishing the present invention from the prior art combination.

In the Office Action, it was indicated that Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by the Young patent. Claims 1 - 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as

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